

Senate Study Bill 1045 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
BILL BY CHAIRPERSON EDLER)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to professionals who qualify as mental health
2 professionals in certain circumstances.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 228.1, subsection 7, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 "*Mental health professional*" means an individual who has
4 ~~either~~ any of the following qualifications:

5 Sec. 2. Section 228.1, subsection 7, Code 2023, is amended
6 by adding the following new paragraph:

7 NEW PARAGRAPH. *c.* The individual is an occupational
8 therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 148B and has completed
9 at least one of the following:

10 (1) A supervised clinical practicum experience relating to
11 occupational therapy from an accredited educational institution
12 or its cooperating programs in a psychiatric setting.

13 (2) One year of work experience which included providing
14 occupational therapy services in a psychiatric setting as a
15 primary duty.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This bill adds to the definition of "mental health
20 professional" for the purposes of Code chapter 228 (disclosure
21 of mental health and psychological information) an individual
22 who is an occupational therapist licensed in Iowa who has
23 completed either a supervised clinical practicum experience
24 relating to occupational therapy from an accredited educational
25 institution or its cooperating programs in a psychiatric
26 setting or one year of work experience which included providing
27 occupational therapy services in a psychiatric setting as a
28 primary duty, or both.

29 The definition of "mental health professional" in
30 Code chapter 228 is also used in Code chapters 125
31 (substance-related disorders), 135G (subacute mental
32 health care facilities), 225 (psychiatric hospital), 229
33 (hospitalization of persons with mental illness), 272
34 (educational examiners board), 280A (behavioral health services
35 — school settings), and 331 (county home rule implementation).